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Applicant(s): Tetsunori MITSUOKA et al.					
Invention: FIXING METHOD, FIXING DEVICE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-23, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.